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OF THE

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Assistant Moderator -- Rev. Arthur Hearron, Okla. City, Okla.
Clerk -- Mrs. Alma York, Dibble, Okla.
Assistant Clerk -- Mrs. Opal Hearron, Okla. City, Okla.
Treasurer -- Bro. Luther Hudson, Chickasha, Okla.

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The next session of the Dibble Association will meet at the Camp ground on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1960 .

First Quarterly meeting will be in November. Introductory speaker will be Rev. J. R. Steele, alternate speaker Rev. Bob Mantooth.

Second Quarterly meeting will be in January. Introductory speaker will be Rev. J. R. Hall, alternate speaker Rev. Rue Dell Smith.

Third Quarterly meeting will be in May. Introductory speaker will be Rev. Arthur Hearron, alternate speaker Rev. B. T. Kirby.

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the Moderator or whomsoever he may request.

2. Ministers, deacons, church clerks, and assistant clerks present are invited to seats, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects and vote.

3. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflection shall be avoided in all debates.

4. No motion shall be discussed without a second.

5. When a motion has been made and seconded, and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question, "Shall it be discussed?" If negative, the question shall be dismissed.

6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of all members present.

10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.

11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association if necessary.

12. At all future sessions of the Association arrangements shall be made to insure two sermons or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto, during each day of the session and the chair shall announce, just before adjournment, who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.

13. Rules of order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after organization of the association.

14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular sessions of the Associations.

FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call Church in Conference.
2. Call for peace of the church.
3. Call visiting brethren to seats in council.
4. Reading minutes of previous session.
5. Unfinished business.

6. New business.
7. Are any sick or in distress?
8. What has been done for the support of the Ministry and other incidental expenses?
9. A call for confession.
10. Invitation for members.
11. Adjournment.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory sermon.
2. House called to order by the Moderator.
3. Letters called for, read and received.
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating delegates.
5. Election of officers.
6. Petitionary letters called for.
7. Reading Rules of Order.
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
9. Appointment of committee.
10. Unfinished business.
11. New business.
12. Reports of committee.
13. Miscellaneous business.

Proceedings

The Dibble Association met at the Camp Ground, Thursday evening September 10, 1959, continuing until Saturday afternoon, September 12, 1959.

Thursday Evening

Services were called to order with singing, "Land where Living Waters Flow", led by Rev. Arthus Hearn, with sister Louise Batson at the piano, followed with singing "Heavens Jubilee".
Prayer by Rev. Elmer Steeleman.

A special, "Winging My Way Back Home" with sister Louise Batson, Opal Hearn, Rev. Bob Kirby, Rev. Arthur Hearn with sister Roberts at the piano.

Followed with audience singing "My Jesus I Love You" led by Rev. Rrthur Hearn.

The introductory message was delivered by Rev. B. T. Kirby, title of the message was "An Holy Calling." Scripture was read from the Second Timothy, first chapter, verses 6 and 7. Paryer by Rev. B. T. Kirby.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. J. R. Hall, to meet again at 9:30 Friday morning.

Friday Morning Session

Services were called to order with singing "Vivtory In Jesus" led by Rev. Arthur Hearron, with sister Louise Batson at the pianc.

Devotional scripture was read by Rev. Bob Mantooth. Reading the twenty third Psalms. Prayer by Rev. Clay Richey.

Divine service committe appointed by Moderator, Rev. B. T. Kirby. They are as follows: Bro. Thoman Browning, Bro. Richard Clagg, Bro. Luther Corley.

Motion carried to receive the letters and set the Delegates. Right hand of fellowship extended while singing, "Ready" led by Rev. Arthur Hearron and sister Louise Batson at the piano.

Divine Service committee excused.
Rules of order read by the Moderator.

Election of Officers

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| Moderator | Rev. B. T. Kirby |
| Ass't Moderator | Arthur Hearron |
| Clerk | Mrs. Alma York |
| Ass't clerk | Mrs. Opal Hearron |
| Treasurer | Bro. Luther Hudson |

Divine Service Committe report read.

Motion carried ta adjourn business until 1 o'clock session.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Harry Staires, Drumright, Okla.

Eleven o'clock Service

Services were called to order with singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" led by Rev. Arthur Hearron, sister Louise Batson, at the piano

Prayer by Rev. L. B. Steele, followed with singing "Tell Me The Story of Jesus."

A special song by Rev. Clay Richey, sister Maggie Roberts, Rev. Delbert Akin, Rev. Arthur Hearron, singing "Heavens

Here Below" with sister Louise Batson at the piano.

The Message was delivered by Rev. Bob Mantooth. The scripture was read from Deuteronomy 13th chapter followed with prayer by Rev. Mantooth. Text "The Lord Will Prove You."

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. L. A. Yandell to meet again at 1:30.
of Psalms by Rev. L. B. Steele, with prayer by Rev. Elmer Steelman.

A duet by Rev. and Mrs. Bob Mantooth, "I Need No Mansion Blessing asked for noon meal by Rev. Lonnie DaVaught.

Friday Afternoon Session

Services were called to order with singing. "I've Got To Cross That Lonely River", led by Elmer Steelman with sister Louise Batson at the piano.
Devotional scripture was read by Rev. Melvin Batson reading the 46th chapter of Psalms. Prayer by Rev. Melvin Batson.

Divine Service Committee reports read for Friday night and Saturday morning service.

Motion carried to accept committees appointed by Moderator and assistant Moderator.

Visiting Brethren given the right hand of fellowship to sit and worship with us.

Petionary letters called for —none.

History of the Dibble Association was givn by Rv. Clay Richy.

Motion carried to receive and accept the report as read.

Two Charter Members of the Dibble Association were honored with singing the song "How Firm A Foundation," they were sister Adah Ward and sister Essie Hearron.

Old business called for.
New business

Motion carried to send a letter of recommendation of good standing of the Dibble Association to Rev. Oma Viles, now of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Devotional scripture fas read from the forty sixth chapter Jubilee" and "Heavenly Love", with sister Louise Batson at the piano.

of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Motion carried to send John Delbeck, county commissioner a letter of appreciation for work done at the camp ground.

Recess declared by the moderator, dismissed with prayer by Bro. S. L. Ross.

House called to order with singing "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," led by Rev. Arthur Hearron, sister Louise Batson at the piano.

An oral report was given on Mission work by the State Mission Board, they are as follows: Rev. Lonnie Da'Vaught, Rev. Harry Staires, and Rev. Delbert Akin.

After the report Rev. Delbert Akin sang "My God Is Real" with sister Louise Batson at the piano.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:30 Saturday morning, dismissed with prayer by Bro. Thomas Browning.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

DIVINE SERVICE COMMITTEE

Bro. Thomas Browning
Bro. Richard Clagg
Luther Corley

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Rev. L. B. Steele
Rev. Bob Mantooth
Rev. Elmer Eteelman
Bro. W. H. DaVaught
Arthur Browning

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Rev. Bob Kirby
Rev. Melvin Batson
Rev. W. F. Lee
Rev. Rue Dell Simth
Bro. Charlie Manning
Bro. A. E. Mills

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

Sister Louise Jackson
Sister Jennie Clagg

Sister Hattie Bell
Sister Laura Hunt
Sister Iva Alsup

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Sister Maud Branch
Sister Essie Buck
Sister Azella Smith
Sister Bob Mantooth
Sister Maggie Roberts

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bro. Bob Hooker
Sis. Ella Jarman
Bro. Fred Guidry
Bro. I. L. Ross
Bro. V. M. Malonr

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Sis. Joy Thompson
Sis. Maureen Clagg
Sis. Will Hudson
Sis. Nadine Mitchell
Bro. Cecil Keeny

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Services were called to order with singing "Hilltops Of Glory" and "I Ffirmly Promise You," led by Luther Hudson with sister Louise Batson at the Piano.

Bro. Jhon Nunnley and family sang "Jesus Is Leading Me." Then sister Alma York and sister Nora Lee Corley sang "He Knows", with sister Maggie Roberts at the piano.

The Devotional Scripture fas read by Rev. Melvin Batson from the book of Jeremiah and the 22nd chapter, followed with prayer by Rev. Rue Dell Smith.

Rev. Arthur Hearron delivered the evening message. Subject "Knowledge and Ignorance." Text "This I Know, For God Is For Me." found in the 56th chapter of Psalms and the 9th verse.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. T. O. Dunn to meet again at 9:30 Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Services were called to order by Moderator and singing "A Soul Winner Fof Jesus", led by Rev. Elmer Steelman with sister Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Devotional scripture was read by Rev. Rue Dell Smith St. John 1 1-17, followed with prayer by Bro. Thomas Browning.

Temperance committee appointed by Moderator and assistant Moderator. A report was given on "Literature and Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Press," by our state Secretary Rev. Earnest Kennedy.

Rev. L. B. Steele was elected to be introductory speaker at the second Quarterly meeting in November. Rev. Bob Mantooth was elected to be the alternate speaker.

Rev. J. R. Hall was elected to be the introductory speaker at the second Quarterly meeting in January. Rev. Rue Dell Smith was elected to be the alternate speaker.

Rev. Arthur Hearron was elected to be introductory speaker at the thrid Quarterly meeting in May. Rev. B. T. Kirby was elected to be the alternate.

Rev. Bob Mantooth was elected to be introductory speaker at the association in September. Rev. Walter Jennings was elected to be the alternate speaker.

Rev. B. T. Kirby was elected to serve on the State General Board. Motion carried to adjourn business until 1:30 o'clock, dismissed with prayer by Rev. Earnest Kennedy.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Services were called to order with singing, "Standing On The Promises", led by Rev. Elmer Steelman, with sister Louise Batson at the piano.

Special song by Rev. and Mrs. Bob Mantooth singing "I'd Like To Settle Down", with sister Louise Batson at the piano. A special song by Rev. Rue Dell Smith singing "How Great Thou Art", with sister Ozella Smith at the piano. A special by Rev. Kennedy singing "Jesus Passed By" with sister Louise Batson at the piano.

The Devotional Scripture was read by Rev. G. E. Judd from first Peter chapter 4, verses 14-18.

Rev. Ed Sunday sang "Lord Have I Done My Part" before he delivered the morning message. His scripture was taken from

Job, 7 and 17. Text—What Is Man That Thou Art Mindful Of Him." Rev. Sunday visited us from the Hope well Association Number 2.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Luther Hudson.

ONE THIRTY SERVICE

Services were called to order with singing "Where He Leads Me I'll Follow" led by Rev. Elmer Steelman, with sister Inez Bagwell at the piano.

The Devotional Scripture was read by Bro. Don Bagwell from St. Luke 6 1-11. Prayer by Bro. Arthur Browning.

Resolution No. 3 read and discussed (SEE resolutions)
Motion carried to receive resolution No. 3.

Resolution No. 1 read. Motion carried to receive resolution No. 1.

Resolution No. 2 read. Motion carried to adopt resolution No. 2.
Recess declared by Moderator.

Services were called to order with singing "I Want To Be Ready To Meet Him", led by Rev. Arthur Hearn, with sister Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Finance committee report read, motion carried to receive report. Home Mission report read, motion carried to receive report. Sunday School committee report read and motion carried to receive the report. Credential committee No. 1 read motion carried to receive the report.
Credential committee report No. 2 read, motion carried to receive report.

Motion carried to receive recommendation that Hawkins church be given authority to ordain Bro. Fred Drennan as deacon. Motion carried to receive Temperance committee report. League committee report read and motion carried to receive report.

Treasurer report read by treasurer Bro. C. L. Hudson, motion carried to receive the report as read.

Motion made for Moderator to visit each church in behalf of our association, motion carried.

A Thank you note was read from sister Adah Ward and family. Obituary committee report read. Motion carried to receive report with a moment of silent prayer and an audible prayer by Bro. Bill DaVaught.

Motion carried for Bro. Luther Hudson to continue being responsible for the care of the camp ground.

Motion carried to dismiss all committee except standing committee.

Motion carried to adjourn dismissed with prayer by Bro. Albert Reynolds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

We the Sunday School committee report every church in our association has an active Sunday school, with average attendance as follows: St. Clair 50, Iron Chapel 30, Lindsay 74, Dibble 65, Blanchard 23, Bridge Creek 38, First Church 196, Chickasha 80, Hawkins 52, Bryant 35, Midwest City . Total attendance 634.

Chairman

Sister Maud Branch

Recommendations by the Sunday school committee approved by the vote of third quarterly meeting body;

Number 1 We recommend that each church sponsor a teaching program for its teaching personnel.

Number 2 Select the teachers on qualifications rather than by feelings.

Number 3 Have an assistant teacher for each class. (Then in case of one being absent the other may be ready.)

Number 4 A blackboard hung in each room. (Be good not only for Sunday schools lessons, but very good for Bible School classes.)

Number 5 Try holding Sunday School members for church services by various methods, as;

A - furnishing music for intermission.

B - the talented render special singing, read spiritual poems, etc.

C - other pass out church pamphlets, song books, etc.

D - take the morning Church offering under the Pastor's or Deacons supervision.

E - once a month more or less, allow Junior Choir to be in charge of song service.

Rev. RueDell Smith chairman, sister Willie Franklin, sister Maggie Raberts, sister Linnie Allen sister Velva Roath.

Home Mission Committee. We the Home Mission committee submit the following report, St. Clair church has an active Home Mission with 12 members. Dibble has an active Home Mission with 9 members. First Church active Home Mission with 59 members. Lindsay church active auxiliary with 16 members. Iron Chapel active Home Mission with 7 members. Blanchard active Home Mission with 10 members.

Chairman, sister Louise Jackson

Obituary Committee Report. We your Obituary committee are sorry to report the death of 11 members of the Dibble association. We as humans are grieved over the loss of our loved ones, it leaves a great void in our hearts that cannot be filled but we read in Psalms 116:15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints.

The deceased are as follows: Iron Chapel, sister Alzada Wilbanks, Bro. Art Mitchner. Blanchard, Bro. J. C. Coggins. Bridge Creek, Bro. W. A. Kelly, Bro. Ook Johnson, Bro. Waren Hargus and sister Whitaker Dibble, sister Ethel Pybas. Chickasha, Bro. Cleve Carrol. Bryant, Bro. Jim Hedrick and Bro. Wilburn. Lindsay, sister Sutton.

Chairman, Joy Thomason

Temperance Committee Report. We your committee on Temperance beg you to be temperant in all things, being temperant on the drinking of wine has been stressed in former reports and definately should be, but there are other things to be included, such as being temperant in our criticism of the efforts of others in doing good. Let us first ask the question, "Lord, have I done my part?" Let us be temperant in the way we carry tales. and first ask these questions, "Is it true?" next "Is it helpful?" and next, "Is it needful?" If it passes these three gates we can feel we are stepping in the footsteps of Jesus.

Chairman, Rev. Albret McReynolds

LEAGUE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Dibble Association League makes the following report with sincere hope that you will receive it as a step forward in Christian work. We closed out a years work with a wonderful

revival which we hope was blessing to every church in our association. The number of conversions, rededications, pledges of missionary service was 11. Our League Rallies have been very inspiring and beneficial to our entire youth program. Our finance program has been very successful, and we feel that we have accomplished alot through purchases of equipment, supplies, banners, and needs of both our League and Association. The largest of these is our camp ground piano of which we are very proud. Our financial statement is as follows: Also \$150. paid for Revaval Evangelist.

Total on hand a year ago \$111.24

Total deposit up to present time \$275.39

Total expenditures up to present time \$296.00

Balance on hand \$90.63

We hope this report meets with your approval. We also hope you as individual churches will get behind your youth program and push ittothetop. Encourage the young people to work for the Glory of God. Thank you for your wonderful support up to now.

There will be no League business meeting this month, our League Rally will be the 3rd Sunday in Octobr.

Your Bro. and Sis in Christ,
League Officer, League Board and
League committee.
Chairman, Sis Bernice Steelman

DIVINE SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Friday 11 o'clock service

Song leader Rev. Arthur Hearron

Devotional Rev. L. B. Steele

Speaker Rev. Bob Mantooth

Friday Evening Service

Song leader Bro. Luther Hudson

Devotional Rev. Melvin Batson

Speaker Rev. Arthur Hearron

Saturday 11 o'clock Service

Song leader Rev. Elmer Steelman

Devotional Rev. G. E. Judd

Speaker Rev. Ed Sunday

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT; We, your finance committee offer the following report for your consideration and approval. The report is made solely from letters received from member churches within your association, and the amounts listed are derived from the finance column of these letters.

Church property, 143,500.00. Total salaries paid past year
\$17,500.00

We want it understood that the above report is approximate total and gives you an idea of the worth of your association. We feel that the individual church finances are their business and should be conducted as such. We hope and pray that you and your fellow Christians support their church as God lays it on their heart.

Your committee on finance,

Chairman, Bro. Bobby Hooker

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS. The credential committee wishes to submit the following report.

We met and examined Bro. Roe Lewis and Bro. Fred Guidry for license to preach the gospel. We are very happy to report that the committee is unanimous in recommending them to preach the Gospel.

We pray that your prayers and support will join ours for the fulfillment of their Christian duty and calling.

NUMBER TWO:

The credential committee wishes to make the following report due to circumstances beyond our control and the inability of Br. Bob Bell and Bro. Arthur Carroll to be present before the committee, we the committee recommend that the Church exercise their own discretion as to the ordaining of the two Brethren mentioned above.

The Credential Committee,
Chairman, Rev. R. S. Kirby

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORTS

We recommend that this association study and consider the cooperative plan to help support the work of the state in furthering the cause of Free Will Baptist. Submitted by Rev. B. T. Kirby.

Chairman, Rev. L. S. Steele

NUMBER TWO.

We recommend that the association lay plans for a new tabernacle and launch into an expansion in the near future. We believe in God to the extend that He is able to Bless this great Dibble association. Submitted by Rev. B. T. Kirby.

Chairman, Rev. L. S. Steele

NUMBER 3

Be it resolved that we set our youth Revival earlier so our youth can attend more, and be it further resolved that the Leagues choose the date and Evangelist for the Revival.

Chairman, Rev. L. S. Steele

TREASURERS REPORT

Offerings

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| Dibble Church | \$127.00 |
| Lindsay church | \$45.00 |
| Midwest City | \$15.00 |
| Bryant | \$50.00 |
| St. Clair Church | \$60.00 |
| Hawkins Church | \$30.00 |
| Iron Chapel Church | \$20.50 |
| Received from pledges | \$1055.12 |
| Balance on hand | \$337.06 |
| Making a total of | \$1814.49 |

The Expenditures

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| Inez Bagwell | \$15.00 |
| Alma York | \$25.00 |
| State Ass. Clerk | \$50.00 |
| Da'Vault labor and material | \$23.66 |
| R. E. A. | \$4.00 |
| Blanchard News Minutes | \$72.50 |
| Rev. B. T. Kirby, repair for camp ground | \$52.20 |
| Chickasha Church (stove) | \$40.00 |
| Oklahoma Farm Bureau (Ins.) | \$23.79 |
| Da'Vault Plumbing | \$91.87 |
| Smanson Propane | \$10.78 |
| R. E. A. | \$4.00 |

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| R. E. A. ----- | ENTRADING STATE | --- | \$4.00 |
| Free Will Baptist press, letter forms----- | | ----- | \$3.60 |
| Adah Ward, grave marker----- | | ----- | \$120.00 |
| Liberty Drug (Clock)----- | | ----- | \$5.04 |
| C. W. Maddy (Windows)----- | | ----- | \$104.80 |
| R. E. A. ----- | | ----- | \$8.45 |
| Cash: Roberts (labór)----- | | ----- | \$20.00 |
| L and E. (repair well)----- | | ----- | \$12.00 |
| Carey Lumber----- | | ----- | \$4.32 |
| R. E. A. ----- | | ----- | \$4.75 |
| Total expenses----- | | ----- | \$684.69 |

Leaving a balance in treasure of ----- \$1,129.80
Yours for a greater year of 1959 and 1960.

Your Treasurer, C. L. Hudson

MINISTERS REPORTS

Report of Rev. Elmer Steelman for the associational year of 1959. I have preached 104 sermons, assisted in 1 revival meeting. Witnessed a number of conversions, 3 in our church. Ordained 2 Deacons. Baptized 2. Miles traveled unknown. Money received \$855.00. Called to pastor the Bryant church the coming year. Pray for me that I will be more instrumental in the Lords work.

Prayerfully Submitted,

Rev. Elmer Steelman

Report of Rev. Clay Richey for the associational year of 1959, I have preached 78 sermons, performed 11 weddings, have preached 33 funerals, have Baptized 6, have witnessed 10 conversions, have received \$260.00. I pastored the Dibble church until Dec. 1st. 1958, and upon advice of a physician had to retire from pastoral work. At the present time I'm only supplying for my brethren and preaching on special occasions and filling appointments for my Preacher brethren.

I solicit your prayers,

Rev. Clay Richey

Report of Rev. Denver Wynn for associational year of 1959. I pastored at Iron Chapel church full time, performed one wedding ceremony, preached about 100 sermons. Have been called to pastor the Iron Chapel Church full time next year. Pray for me that I will be more useful in Gods service.

Rev. Denver Wynn

STATE DELEGATES

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| Iron Chapel | Sis. Pearl Wynn |
| Bryant | |
| St. Clair | Sis Opal Hearron |
| Chickasha | Sis. Nettie Hudson |
| Blanchard | Sis. Jewel Richey |
| First Church | Sis. Opal Kirby |
| Dibble | Sis. Wilma Dean Roberts |
| Midwest City | |
| Lindsay | Sis. Bob Mantooth |
| Bridge Creek | Sis. Edith Allen |
| Hawkins | |

CHURCH CLERKS

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| Hawkins | Bro. John D. Cox |
| Bridge Creek | Sis. Mary Voyles, Rt. one Blanchard, Okla. |
| Lindsay | Sis. Neva June Bullock |
| Midwest City | Cleo Evans |
| Dibble | Sis. Zora Mills, Rt. 2 Blanchard Okla. |
| First Church | Rev. R. S. Kirby, 1605 S. W. 68, Okla. City |
| Blanchard | Sis. Mattie Bowser, Blanchard Okla. |
| Chickasha Church | Sis. Inez Bagwell, Chickasha, Okla. |
| St. Clair | Sis. Clara Threldkeld, Okla. City. |
| Bryant | Sis. Jennie Clagg, Rt. 4 Lindsay Okla. |
| Iron Chapel | Sis Pearl Wunn, Blanchard Okla. |

CHURCH PASTORS

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| Iron Chapel | Rev. Denver Wynn, Blanchard, Okla. |
| Bryant | Rev. Elmer Steelman, Chickasha, Okla. |
| St. Clair | Rev. Arthur Hearron 4601 Melrose Lane, Okla. City |
| Chickasha | Rev. Rue Dell Smith 1714 Arizonia, Chickasha |
| Blanchard | Rev. Wade Jernigan, Norman Okla. |
| First Church | Rev. B. T. Kirby 2212 S. W. 31, Okla. City |
| Dibble | Rev. J. R. Hall, 4313 Woodedge, Dell City, Okla. |
| Midwest City | |
| Lindsay | Rev. Bob Mantooth, 831 W. Chicksaw, Lindsay, Okla |
| Bridge Creek | Rev. L. B. Steele Rt. 2 Lexington, Okla. |
| Hawkins | Rev. G. E. Judd 2309 S. E. 12th Okla. City Okla. |

MINISTERS BELONGING TO THE ASSOCIATION

Rev. John Alsup -- -- Route Two Purcell. Okla.
Rev. Denver Wynn -- -- Box 292 Blanchard Okla.
Rev. Elmer Steelman ----- Chickasha, Okl.
Rev. Arthur Hearron ----- 4061 Melrose Lane Okla. City
Rev. Albert McReynolds -- Okla. City Okla. 1165 S. E. 22
Rev. Rue Dell Smith -- 1714 Arizonia Chickasha Okla.
Rev. E. A. O'Donnell -- 1305 Ohio, Chickasha, Okla.
Rev. Clifton Stump -- 715 Utah, Chickasha. Okla
Rev. Clay Richey -- Blanchard Okla.
Rev. Melvin Batson -- Blanchrd, Okla.
Rev. Bryan Stacy ---- Blanchard Okla.
Rev. R. S. Kirby ---- 1605 S.W. 68 Okla. City, Okla.
Rev. Walter Jennings ---- 3917 S.W. 24 Okla. City, Okla.
Rev. Charles Buck -- 3000 S.W. 51 Okla. City, Okla.
Rev. B. T. Kirby -- 2212 S.W. 41, Okla. City, Okla
Rev. Frank Lee ---- Lindsay
Rev. Bob Mantooth -- 831 W. Chickasaw, Lindsay, Okla
Rev L. B. Steele ---- Rt. 2 Lexinyton, Okla.
Rev. G. E. Judd ---- 2309 S. E. 12 Okla. City Okla.
Rev. J. R. Hall ---- 4313 Woodedge, Dell City, Okla
Rev. Perry Argo ---- Rt. 2 Norman, Okla.

HOME MISSION REPORTS

First Free Will Baptist church of Lindsay: we are happy to report we have been organized as a member of the National Ladies Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist since June 1958. We organized with 16 active members. In the past year we have bought a cooler for the church which was \$125.00. We have raised \$250.00 for the building fund. We are thankful for willing workers who have made it possible for us to give to Foreign Missions, our total for this cause has been \$87.29 we also support the cooperative plan which is 10 percent of all our offerings. We were represented at the state convention in Ada 1st year. Pray for us that the Lord will continually bless us in our work.

Sis Louise Jackson

First Free Will Baptist church of Oklahoma City. We organized a ladies Home Mission November 13, 1958. Our meeting dates are the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Membership is 59, attendance is good. Cash on hand \$177.79. One supper held May 15 net profit \$209.66.

President Sis. Katheryn Thompson
Sec. & Treasnr. Sis. Robert Bell.

Dibble Free Will Baptist Church; We have an active Home Mission with an average attendance of 6 members. We meet each Tuesday afternoon following the third Sunday. Our new officers are: Sis. Maggie Roberts, president, Sis. Alma York, Secretary and treasurer; Sis. Josie Mills, Chaplin; and Sis. Dean Roberts song leader. We have an assortment of cards for sale.

President Sis. Maggie Roberts.

Blanchard Home Mission Report.

The Blanchard Free Will Baptist has an active Home Mission with 12 members. We meet each Tuesday night after the 1st and 3rd Sundays. We have served 2 bake sales, 1 farm sale and sold Christmas cards to raise funds. We paid for having a walk built in front of our church, bought 50 new song books for our church, bought a lamp for the piano, sent Bro. John Elleston \$10. for Christmas treats for the Mission Children, sent \$5.00 to the association fund, have given several shower gifts and bought flowers for numerous funerals and the sick.

We recommend Home Mission work to all churches. You will surely receive a blessing from it. Sister Mattie Bowser is our President, sister Jewel Richey our song leader, and Sister Mary Burlinson our teacher.

We have a balance in the treasure of \$260.34

Myrtle Bridges, Sec. Trea.

BLANCHARD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the camp ground at Dibble, Okla. Sept. 10, 11, 12, 1959. We send as delegates our beloved Sis. Jarman, Sis. Marie Hac-

kney, Sis. Oglesby, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly Deliberations. State of religion good, dismissed 20, died 1 total membership 45, condition of prayer meeting good, condition of Sunday school good. Average number of pupils 23, number of officer 2, number of teachers 3. Paid pastor \$305.00 Paid Evangelist \$175.00. Building and repairs \$56.00 for incidentals \$292.48 for publications \$95.99 enclosed for minutes \$10.00 for State Delegates \$5.00.

Ministers belonging to uor church are Rev. Clay Richey, Rev. Melvin Batson, Rev. Bryon Stacy. Pastors name and address Rev. Wade Jernigan, Norman, Okla.

Done by order of Blanchard Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 9th dy of Sept. 1959. Rev. Clay Richey moderator, Sis. Mattie Bowser Clerk.

We recommend Bro. Bryon Stacy as a member to the executive board. We send Sis. Jewel Richey as Delegate to the State Association.

W are sorry and sad to report the death of Bro. J. C. Coggins April 7, 1959.

BRIDGE CREEK FREE BAPTIST CHURCH

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the camp ground at Dibble, Okla Sept. 10, 11, 12, 1959 we send as our delegates our beloved Sis. Edith Allen, Sis. Linnie Allen, Sis. Will Havron, alternates, Sis. Mahalja Ladd, Bro. Kenny, Sis. Ida Kenny whom we pray you to receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations. State of religion good, members received past year 2, baptized 1 dismissed 4, died 4, total membership 40. Condition of prayer meeting good, condition of Sunday shcool good. Average number of pupils 38, number of offilers 2, number of tealhers 4. Paid Pastor \$670.00, paid Evangelist \$360.00, Home Mission \$30.00 Foreign Mission \$110.00, building and repairs \$390.00, for eduration \$65.37, for publication \$56.00, enclosed for minutes \$10.00, for state delegate \$5.00.

Ministers belonging to our church Rev. L. B. Steele Lexington, Oklahoma. Done by order of Bridge Creek Free will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 22 day of August 1959. Rv. L. B. Steele moderator and Sis. Mary Voyles clerk.

We recommend Bro. W. H. DaVault as member to the executive board.

Deacons belonging to our church are as follows: Bro. Cecil Gibson, Bro. Thomas Allen, Bro. Thomas Rogers and Bro. Bill DaVault.

We are sad to report the loss of four of our members, the ones that have passed on to their reward in Heaven are as follows: Sis. Whitaker, Bro. W. A. Kelly, Bro. Oak Johnson and Bro. Warren Hargus.

MIDWEST CITY BAPTIST CHURCH

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the camp ground at Dibble, Okla. Sept. 10, 11, 12, 1959 we send as delegates our beloved Bro. John Sweet, Sis. Laura Hunt, Sis. Jessie Hall, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

Total membership 27, enclosed for minutes \$10.00.
Done by order of the Midwest City Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 4th day of September 1959.

Rev. J. R. Hall moderator and Cleo Evans clerk.

DIBBLE CHURCH LETTER

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the camp ground at Dibble, Okla. Sept. 10, 11, 12, 1959 we send as our delegates our beloved Sis. Nadine Mitchell, Sis. Nora Lee Corley, Sis. Maggie Roberts, our alternates Sis. Josie Mills, Sis. Mabel Roberts, and Sis. Maggie Roath, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion good, Members received this year 3, baptized 1, dismissed 2, died 1, total membership 132, resident members 70. Condition of prayer meeting, fair. Condition of Sunday school good, average number of pupils, 65, number of officers 3 number of teachers 6. Paid pastor \$957.50. Paid Evangelist \$220.40. Building and repair \$681.66. For education \$41.20. Enclosed for minutes \$10.00. for state delegate \$5.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Eld. J. R. Hall, Eld. Perry Argo. Pastors name and address Eld. J. R. Hall 4313 Woodedge, Dell City, Okla.

Done by order of the Free Will Baptist church of Dibble

assembled in conference this 15th day of August 1958. Eld. J. R. Hall moderator, and Sis. Zora Mills clerk.

We report the death of one member, Sis. Ethel Pybas, who passed away in January of 1959.

We recommend Bro. Lonie Roberts as member of the executive board, and we send as our state delegate Sis. Wilma Dean Roberts.

Deacons belonging to our church are as follows: Bro. Jack Hopkins, Bro. A. E. Mills, Bro. Lonnie Roberts, Bro. Dormie Mills, Bro. Buck Roath, Bro. Luther Corley.

HAWKINS CHURCH LETTER

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the camp ground at Dibble, Okla Sept. 10, 11, 12, 1959 we send our delegates our beloved Bro. Floyd Joy, sis. Joyce Joy, and Sis. Clara Standridge, whom we pray your to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations. State of religion good, members received past year, 6, baptized 6, dismissed 5. Total membership 95. Condition of Sunday school good, average number of pupils 52, number of officers 4 number of teachers 6. Paid Pastor \$1025.00. Paid Evangelist \$50.00. Paid visiting Minister \$20.00. Incidentals \$205.92. Building and repairs \$663.07. Gifts and flowers \$71.40. For publication \$197.45. Enclosed for minutes \$10.00, for state delegate \$5.00. Paid Camp ground fund \$45.00. Minister belonging to our church, Rev. G. E. Judd Pastors name and address G. E. Judd 2309 S.W. 12th Okla. City Okla.

Done by order of Hawkins Free Will Baptist church assembled in conference this 6th day of September 1959. Rev. G. E. Judd moderator and Bro. John D. Cox clerk.

Deacons belonging to our church are Bro. Roy True, Bro. Omar Pearson, Bro. Arlton Doshier, Bro. Harold Drennan on trial for Deacon Bro. Fred Dennan.

ST. CLAIR FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the camp ground at Dibble, Okla Sept. 10, 11, 12, 1959 we send as delegates our beloved Sis. Juanita McReynolds, Sis. Ojal Hearron, Bro. Fred Guidry whom we pray you receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

Pastors name and address Rev. Arthur Hearron, 4601 Melrose Lane Oklahoma City, Okla. Clerks name and address Sis. Clara Threldkeld, 2432 S. W. 30, Okla: City. Okla. Ministers belonging to our church are Rev. Arthur Hearron, Rev. Albert McReynolds. Number of licensed Ministers 2, number of ordained Deacons, 4.

Church Auxiliaries we have are Sunday school, League, Womens Auxiliary, G T A, Prayer meeting.

Church membership 71. Members received 36. By profession of faith 10, by statement of faith 26, mmbers dismissed 18, by letter 18. Sunday school enrolment 50 League enrolment 20, Womens Auxiliary membership 12.

Total offerings received \$2,645.00. Building fund \$1,250.00 Paid Pastor \$1,545.00, Evangelistic work \$100.00 Building and repairs \$1250.00. Miscellaneous \$15.00 other expenses \$126.85 insurance \$48.00, Education \$99.00. Associational projects \$55. Value of church property \$8,500.00. Enclosed for minutes \$10.00 for State Delegate, \$5.00

We requests Bro. Roe Lewis and Bro. Fred Guidry be examined for license to preach the Gospel. We request Bro. Marvin Dixon be th executive board member from our church.

Done by order of the St. Clair Free Will Baptist church assembled in conference Spet. 2, 1959. Rev. Arthur Hearron, moderator, Sis Clara Threldkeld clerk.

CHICKASHA FREE WILL BAPTIST BAPTIST CHURCH

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the camp ground at Dibble, Okla Sept. 10, 11, 12, 1959 we send as delegates our Beloved Bro. V. M. Malone, Sis. Ozella Smith anr Sis. Maureen Clagg, whom we pray you to receive to sjt with you in your Godly deliberations.

State of Religion good, members received past year 14, died 1, total membership 93, condition of prayer meeting good, condition of Sunday school good, average number of pupils 80. Number of officers 3, number of teachers 5. Paid pastor \$1,300. Utjlities and Janitor \$268.88. Rent for parsonage \$160.00. Build ing and repairs \$1,294.64. for education \$83.65, insurance \$53.77 enclosed for minutes \$10.00 for State Delegate \$5.00.

Ministers belonging to our church; Rev. Rue Dell Smith, Rev.

E. A. O'Donnell, Rev. Clifton Stump. Pastors name and address. Rev. Rue Dell Smith 1714 Utah, Chickasha Oklahoma.

Done by order of the Chickasha Free Will Baptist church assembled in conference this 12 day of August 1959. Rev. Rue Dell Smith moderator and Sis. Inez Bagwell clerk.

We regret to report the death of Bro. Cleve Carroll who passed away in November 1958.

IRON CHAPEL CHURCH

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the camp ground at Dibble, Okla Sept. 10, 11, 12, 1959 we send as our delegates our beloved Bro. Charlie Wells, Sis. Barbara Wynn, Sis. Iva Alsup, alternates Sis. Cestas Wells, Bro. Dorsey Cash, Sis. Maybelle Cash, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion good, members received past year 3, dismissed 6, died 2 total membership 72, condition of Sunday school good, average number of pupils 30, number of officers 2, number of teachers 4 Paid Pastor \$314.50. Paid Evangelist \$110.00. Building and repair \$78.55. For publication \$36.00. Enclosed for minutes \$10.00 for State Delegate \$5.00.

Ministers belonging to our church are Rev. John Alsup, Rev. Denver Wynn. Pastors name and address Rev. Denver Wynn Blanchard Okla.

Done by order of Iron Chapel free Will Baptist church assembled in conference this 6th day of Sept. 1959. Rv. Denver Wynn Moderator and Sis Pearl Wynn as our state delegate.

We are sad to report the death of two of our members, they are Alzada, Wilbanks, and Bro. Art Mitchner.

BRYANT FREE WILL BAPTIST

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the camp ground at Dibble, Okla Sept. 10, 11, 12, 1959 we send as delegates our beloved Sis. Bernice Steelman, Sis. Joy Thomason, Sjs. I. L. Ross, alternates Sis. Beulah Clagg. Bro. R. D. Smith, Bro. Andy Clagg whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations State of religion good, members 79, condition of Sunday school good, number of officers, 4, number of teachers 4, Paid Pastor \$785.00. Paid Evan

gelist \$100.00. For incidental \$202.69. Building and repairs \$43.52. Enclosed for minutes \$10.00 for State Delegates \$5.00.

Ministers belonging to our church Rev. Elmer Steelman. Deacons are Bro. C. H. Manning, Bro. R. E. Clagg, Bro. I. L. Ross, Bro. Vernon Thomason Pastors name and address Rev. Elmer Steelman, Chickasha Oklahoma.

Done by order of Bryant Free Will Baptist church assembled in conference this 23 day of August 1959. Rev. Elmer Steelman moderator, Sis. Jennie Clagg clerk.

We recommend Bro. I. L. Ross as a member of the executive board.

FIRST CHURCH OKLA. CITY

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the camp ground at Dibble, Okla. Sept. 10, 11, 12, 1959 we as delegates our beloved Sis. Hattie Bell, Sis. Essie Buck, and Sis. Lute Wilson, whom we pray you receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations. State of religion good, members received past three months 7, baptized 9, total membership 289. Condition of prayer meeting good, condition of Sunday school, good. Paid Evangelist \$300.00. Home Mission \$50.00 Building and repairs \$2,500.00. For education \$1,125.00. for publication \$57.00. Enclosed for minutes \$10.00 for State delegate \$5.00.

Ministers belonging to our church are Rev. Robert S. Kirby. Rev. Walter Jennings, Rev. Charles Buck. Rev. B. T. Kirby. Rev. J. W. Ferguson

Pastors name and address, Rev. B. T. Kirby 2212 S. W. 31. Okla. City, Okla.

Done by order of the Free Will Baptist church of Okla. City. assembled in conference this 6th day of Sept. 1959. Rev. B. T. Kirby moderator, Rev. Robert S. Kirby clerk.

We send sister Opal Kirby as our State delegate. We send Bro. Bob Bell and Bro. Arthur Carroll to be examined for ordination as Deacons.

FIRST FREE BAPTIST CHURCH LINDSAY, OKLA.

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the camp ground at Dibble, Okla. Sept. 10, 11, 12, 1959 we as delegates our beloved Sis. Louise Jackson, Sis. Bob Mantooth Sis. Maud Branch whom we pray you receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion good, members received past 3 months 4, Baptized 3. Total membership 88. Condition of prayer meeting fair to good. Condition of Sunday school good. Average number of pupils past year 74. Number of officers 3, number of teachers 6. Paid Pastor past year \$1,952.00. Paid Evangelist \$150.00. Foreign Mission \$27.88. For Education \$61.48. For publication \$38.74. Enclosed for minutes \$10.00 for State delegates \$5.00. For up keep on camp grounds \$30.00.

Ministers belonging to our church are Rev. Bob Mantooth, Rev. Frank Lee. Pastors name Rev. Bob Mantooth, 831 W. Chickashaw, Lindsay Oklahoma.

Done by order of Lindsay First Free Will Baptist church assembled in conference this 9th day of August 1959. Rev. Bob Mantooth moderator and sister Neva June Bullock clerk.

We have chosen Sis. Bob Mantooth as our delegate to the state association.

RESOLUTIONS

No. 1 1956 Be it resolved that one member be elected from each church to form an Evangelistic committee. That the newly elected Moderator of each session of the Association be the permanent chairman of said Evangelistic Committee that the Assistant Moderator will automatically be a member to represent his church, that this association shall elect a member from each church with the exception of the church represented by the moderator and his assistant.

It shall be the duty of this committee to arrange for all meetings exercises and business pertaining to the Camp meeting.

Be it further resolved;
That a qualified and competent ground keeper be selected by this association to assist campers to select proper camp sites, so they do not interfere with either traffic or meeting places for service.

That he will have complete oversight of camping, parking and dining facilities.

Also be it resolved;
That the evangelistic committee shall select the evangelist to preach the entire series of services through-out the meeting. Also the committee will select a song leader. That he shall se-

lect someone to direct in all musical exercises, however he shall have the right to call on whom-so-ever he wishes to assist him in any way to make for a better musical program. This committee shall also select a pianist, and he or she may select anyone they wish to assist them.

Be it further resolved;

That the Evangelistic Committee shall have the endorsement of this Association, to make any rules or by-laws governing this committee as a whole. That they may delete or add to this program at any time they deem necessary such as adding a daily Bible class, a course in Sunday School teachers training, music or personal evangelism.

Be it also resolved;

That the Evangelistic Committee shall formulate some plan of financing the Camp Meeting; that this plan be worked out (if possible) before adjournment of this association.

Submitted by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell
Rev. Frank Lee, Chairman.

No. 3. — Be it resolved that the moderator appoint a lady from each church to meet sometime before the association to plan and arrange for the lunch each day. First lady to be the chairman and notify the others. This will include plates, drinks, napkins, ice, etc.

Rev. W. F. Lee, Chairman.

— No. 5 1956. Be it resolved; that we recommend that each Church in the Dibble Association contribute each month (consistently) to a fund for the expense and up keep of the camp ground. Be it further resolved that a percent of each offering of the Church and its Auxiliary organizations be set aside for this purpose and sent to the Association Treasurer.

Rev. W. F. Lee, Chairman

No. 2 1955 Proposed Constitutional amendment relative to Executive Board changed to read as follows; That the associational treasurer be a standing member of the Executive Board.

Submitted by Clay Richey

No. 1 1940 Be it resolved that we accept Resolution No. 1 of Fourth Quarterly Meeting which reads: Be it resolved that Associational Clerks and Church Clerks have the right to vote at the Associational and Quarterly Meetings.

No. 3 — Be it resolved that this Association elect an Exec

tive Committee with a member elected from each church and that each church recommend a member for Executive Board in their church letter to the Association with the Moderator of our Association acting as chairman To this board is delegated the power to act in behalf of and for the Dibble Association from one meeting to another for said Association, and shall have the power and authority to elect such officers as might be deemed best for its own government and to carry out the plans and undertakings of Dibble Association. The board shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in its own body.

To this Executive Board is further delegated power to collect funds and employ and superintend such work for the Field as may seem best, and the means on hand may warrant. They shall not convey or mortgage any real estate or personal property unless authorized by the Dibble Association. This Executive Board shall keep a record of all work done, money raised meetings held and make a full and complete report to the next regular meeting of the Association and shall further receive, hold manage, use, control, and convey and property intrusted to said Association for any purpose in accordance with the purpose of the donor or donors and in no case divert it from its original object.

The chairman and treasurer of said Executive Board shall sign all deeds and bonds, notes etc, and any other papers by which Dibble Association is to become legally held. It shall be the duty of this Executive Board to meet at each regular or adjourned session and as often as may be necessary and any member absenting himself three times may be dropped from the Board and his successor elected. No meeting of the Executive Board shall be legal unless at least three members are present and written record shall be made of all transactions No member of the Executive Board shall delegate authority to any other member of said Board to cast his vote for him in anything. The Board shall have the power to call all the Association in conference by notifying each Church 10 days prior to conference and they shall have the authority to change. Quarterly Meeting or Association is to meet is not able to care for the meeting, and their decision shall be final. This must be done in time to notify each church. This resolution is to be printed in the minutes each year.

CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we the members of the Church of God (denotnated Free Will Baptist) being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union among us, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this constitution for our better church government.

Art. 1. Membership. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches or Quarterly Meetings of our union, not exceeding three messengers from each church and upon producing letters they shall be entitled to seats. All ordained ministers and deacons of said union shall be regular members when presented by virtue of their office.

Art. 2. Name. The members thus chosen and convened in the Yearly Meeting or Association of the Church of God, denominated Free Will Baptist, being composed of sundry churches in Dibble Association, the Association having no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor have any ecclesiastical power over the churches; reserving the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

Art. 3 Letters, Letters from the different churches representing are to express their number in fellowship including the names and addresses of ordained and licensed ministers the number of members received upon profession of faith, by letter or recommendation, by restoration, or denominational choice; the number dismissed by letter, excluded and those having died since last Association. Churches sending their letters may send obituaries of any who died during the year that we may keep up the memorial of our dead.

Art. 4. Officers. The Association shall have a Moderator, a clerk, a Treasurer, and an Executive Board of eleven members who shall be elected at each annual session of the Association by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 5 New Churches. Newly constituted churches may be admitted to the Association which are to petition by letter and delegates and, if upon examination, they are found to be orthodox and orderly, that they may be received into the Association the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 6. Questions. No questions from any church shall come under consideration unless it has been first considered in its own church.

Art. 7. Motions. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

Art. 8. Minutes. The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association in proportion to the amount paid by each church, the distribution to be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 9. Clerk. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book to be kept by the Association for that purpose.

Art. 10. Signatures. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected if needed, signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the end of the Association.

Art. 11 Amendments. Amendments to this Constitution may be made when necessary by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **The Bible.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice. II Timothy 3.16.

2. **God.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature at the Creator, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Yet as one God, in finitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey. I Cor. 8:6 Matt 28.19.

3. **Christ.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God. He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior and Lord. St. John 1:1-12

4. **The Holy Spirit.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men. St. John 16:7,8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 4:4-6.

5. **The Government of God.** God exercise a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires. Ps. 22:28; 97:2.

6. The Sinfulness of Man. Man was created innocent; but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God. Gen 2:17; 3:19

7. The Work of Christ. The son of God by His incarnation life, suffering, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation through faith. 1 John 2:2.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continued faith and obedience until death. II Cor. 7:10; Pro. 28:13.

9. Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect. I Tim. 2:4.

Freedom of the Will. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish Joshua 24: 15.

11. Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely Rev. 22: 17.

12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation. St. John 15:6; II Peter 2:20-22.

13. Gospel Ordinances. BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; FEET WASHING, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers Mark 16:15; II Cor. 4:5 St. John 13:14.

14. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities and for personal communion with God, Gen. 2:3; Exod. 20:8-11.

15. War. War destroys the lives of the innocent, and is contrary to the New Testament, therefore, we are opposed to war

16. Resurrection. Judgment and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." John 5:29; Matt. 25:46.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice we solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scripture, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society

constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls and conversion of the World. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

